

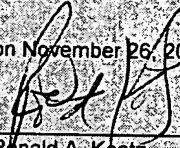


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to:

"Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450"

on November 26, 2003


Ronald A. Keatz
Reg. No. 31,774
Attorney for Applicant(s)

November 26, 2003
Date of Signature

PATENT
Case No. J6853 (C)
UNUS #03-R228-EDG

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pham et al.

Serial No.: 10/643,229

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: PROCESS FOR LOWERING LEVEL OF SALT REQUIRED FOR DILUTION THICKENING

Group: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown
EDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 07020
November 26, 2003

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Documents relating to the above-identified application are submitted herewith. These documents are intended for the Examiner's information and for citation with the instant case. This submission does not constitute either a representation that a thorough search has been made or an admission that the documents cited herein are properly citable against the above-captioned patent application. Any comments accompanying the document are not intended to take the place of the Examiner's independent consideration of each document.

References

U.S. Patent No. 6,427,177 (Chang)
WO 94/16680 (Mould et. al)
Canadian Patent No. 2,211,313

In addition the following related references were filed on the same date as the subject application:

US Serial No. 10/643, 246 to Macaulay et al. filed August 18, 2003, entitled "Liquid Compositions Which Thicken On Dilution Comprising Electrolyte And Associative Thickener."

NO ADDITIONAL FEE IS REQUIRED SINCE THIS INFORMATION IS FILED PRIOR TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION ON THE MERITS. (37 CFR 1.97(B)(3))

- Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 12-1155. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.
- Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1155. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald A. Koatz
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 31,774

RAK/rmh
(201) 840-2912



PTO-1449

PTO-1449

U.S. Dept. of Commerce - Patent & Trademark Office

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

Applicant: Pham et al.
Serial No.: 10/643,229
Filing Date: August 18, 2003

Case No.: J6853 (C)
UNUS No.: 03-R228-EDG
Group: Unknown

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,427,177	06/30/02	Chang			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	94/16680	04 Aug 94	WO			
	2,211,313	08 Feb 98	CA			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

--	--

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.